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SUBJ: SOVIET PROTESTS AND REPRISALS

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1. SOVIETS PRESS CONTINUES GIVE CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE TO JDL ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK THROUGH REPORTS FROM US-BASED CORRESPONDENTS, CARTOONS, AND LETTERS FROM "IRATE" CITIZENS.

2. IZVESTIYA EVENING JAN 14 CARRIES TWO PROTEST LETTERS AND EXCERPTS FROM PROTEST BROUGHT TO EMBASSY JAN 12, SIGNED BY RABBI LEVIN AND OTHER MOSCOW JEWS (MOSCOW 242). ADDITIONAL STORY RELATES ARREST OF KAHANE AND HIS RELEASE ON THREE THOUSAND DOLLAR BAIL AFTER WARNING TO BEHAVE HIMSELF. (WRITER CONTRASTS LOW BAIL FOR KAHANE WITH BAIL OF \$250,000 SET FOR ANGELA DAVIS.) ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT LEAVING THE COURTROOM KAHANE "BEHAVED HIMSELF" BY HOLDING PRESS CONFERENCE IN COURTHOUSE IN WHICH HE REPEATED HIS EARLIER THREATS AGAINST SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS AND CITIZENS. THESE THREATS, AUTHOR ADDS, NOT EMPTY ONES SINCE FOR THE THIRD DAY IN A ROW OFFICIALS OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND THEIR FAMILIES IN NEW YORK SUBJECTED TO HARASSMENT.

3. CENTRAL PRESS MORNING JAN 15 REPORTS ATTACK AGAINST AEROFLOT AND INTOURIST WINDOWS. PRAVDA COVERAGE ENDS BY SAYING THAT "IN SPITE OF NUMEROUS PROMISES OF MEASURES AGAINST ZIONIST

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HOOLIGANS, NOT ONE OF THEM YET HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO ANSWER FOR HIS ACTS".

4. "VREMYA" PROGRAM ON TELEVISION EVENING JAN 14 CARRIED REPORT ON JDL ACTIVITIES. COMMENTATOR MENTIONED US TAKING INSUFFICIENT MEASURES, DISCUSSED ARREST AND EARLY RELEASE OF KAHANE, AND RELATED THAT JDL BOASTS CLOSE TIES WITH USG. GENERAL LINE WAS THAT THESE ACTIVITIES LINKED WITH ANTI-SOVIET POLICIES OF USG.

5. FIRST MENTION OF PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT FOUND IN TRUD ARTICLE OF JAN 15 WRITTEN BY NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT GEVORGYAN. GEVORGYAN WRITES IN PASSING THAT PRESIDENT NIXON AND MAYOR LINDSEY HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY ARE TAKING ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO SUPPRESS JDL ACTIVITIES. HE CONCLUDES THAT "TIME WILL SHOW HOW WELL THE USG UNDERSTANDS ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ASSURING THE SAFETY OF SOVIET DIPLOMATS AND SPECIALISTS AND HOW SERIOUS ARE THE INTENTIONS OF HIGH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE USG TO PREVENT THE REALIZATION OF THE CRIMINAL INTENTIONS OF THE FASCIST CLIQUE".

6. WEEKLY NEDELXA WHICH APPEARED JAN 15 HAS FULL-PAGE STORY ON JDL TOGETHER WITH PICTURE OF AEROFLOT AND INTOWRIST OFFICES TAKEN AFTER BOMBING IN DECEMBER.

7. EMBASSY RECEIVED ABOUT 50 PROTEST LETTERS JAN 14, WITH MORE THAN 90 PERCENT COMING FROM JEWS. ONLY FEW LETTERS CONTAINED ANY RETALIATORY THREATS. EXEMPT BEAM

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